

CITY OF MUSCATINE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m. – May 3rd, 2018

Mayor Diana Broderson called the City Council meeting for Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Dabeet, President of Our Sister Cities, thanked the City of Muscatine for maintaining and keeping the International Park so nice. Mr. Dabeet then stated that our sister city in Lomza Poland will be celebrating the 600th year of their city. He stated Lomza would be honored to host the Mayor and City council to represent our city during this event. Mr. Dabeet stated that events like this lift up the name of Muscatine worldwide, and help promote diplomacy between Muscatine and the rest of the world.

Mayor Broderson swore in new Police Officer Justin VanEst.

Christopher Foss, 803 Whicher Street came to speak regarding the reopening of Whicher Street. Mr. Faust stated that the citizens in this neighborhood chose to live there because of the quiet nature of the street and that reopening Whicher Street will be a safety hazard as it was 25 years ago when it was closed. Mr. Foss states 100% of residents on Whicher Street are opposed to it being reopened but feels that the City of Muscatine will do it anyway. He asked that if it is reopened the City would consider placing a four way stop at the intersection of Whicher and Green Street and a three way stop at Whicher and Quince Street to slow traffic down as well as placing sidewalks so the children had a safe place to walk to school.

Roger Chapman, 1012 E. 8th Street stated that he feels that since the City has the revenue of the Automated Traffic Cameras back that the Utility Franchise Fee Tax should be lowered. He states that the raise in utility fees hurts the citizens of Muscatine.

Mr. Chapman also stated that he cannot hear the tornado sirens when he is inside his home.

Councilmember Harvey stated that he was told that the sirens were intended for people outside.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that the sirens are outdoor warning systems and that citizens are encouraged to have weather radios to be used inside.

Mayor Broderson stated that she is on the Emergency Management Commission and that they are continually updating and replacing sirens. She stated that they are intended for people outside that are not near other means of weather information.

#24246 Councilmember Brackett, seconded by Councilmember Brockert, moved the Consent Agenda be approved as follows:

- Regular City Council Minutes – April 19, 2018 .
- Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Wal-Mart Supercenter #559, 3003 North Highway 61 – Wal-mart Inc. (pending inspections)
- Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Walgreens #05885, 1703 Park Avenue – Walgreen Co. (pending inspections)
- Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Circle K #6600, 802 Cypress Street – Mac’s Convenience Stores LLC (pending inspections)

- Request for Outdoor Service Area for Missipi Brewing Company, 107 Iowa Avenue from June 9, 2018 through June 10, 2018 – R & D Operations Limited (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request for renewal of a Class “C” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for The Pearl, 101 West Mississippi Drive – The Pearl, LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Kum & Go #438, 1429 Park Avenue – Kum & Go LC (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Smokin’ Joe’s Tobacco and Liquor Outlet #16, 1504 Park Avenue – The Outlet, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Class “C” Beer Permit, Class “E” Liquor License, Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, 522 Mulberry Avenue, Suite A – Hy-Vee, Inc. (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request for renewal of a Class “B” Wine Permit, Special Class “C” Liquor License and Sunday Sales for Wine Nutz, 208 West 2nd Street, Suite 217 – Wine Nutz LLC (pending inspections and insurance)
 - Request to Install a Sign Overhanging the Public Right of Way at 107 and 113 Iowa Avenue.
 - Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Minutes – April 16, 2018
 - Muscatine County Board of Supervisors Minutes – April 23, 2018
 - MP&W Financial Reports – March 2018
 - Ad Hoc Permitting Process Review Committee Minutes 0 April 26, 2018
 - State of Iowa Abstract Votes
 - Muscatine County Ordinance 03-26-18-01 Establishing a Local Option Sales and Services Tax Applicable to Transactions within Certain Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas of Muscatine County.
 - Approval of attached Bills for Approval totaling \$1,589,578.89 is subject to the approval of any related agenda item(s).
- Vote - All ayes; motion carried.

Mayor Broderson presented a Proclamation declaring May 6-12, 2018 as Drinking Water Week, a Proclamation declaring May 13-19, 2018 as Police Week, and a Proclamation declaring May 19th, 2018 as Kids to Park Day.

#24247. Councilmember Spread moved an ordinance be adopted on second and final reading amending City Code 7-5-3B. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett. Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Motion carried.

#24248. Councilmember Brockert moved to waive the first and second reading of an ordinance amending City Code 7-5 Automated Traffic Enforcements seconded by Council Member Fitzgerald.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Motion carried.

#24249. Councilmember Brackett moved an ordinance be adopted on first and final reading amending City Code 7-5 Automated Traffic Enforcements. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald and Malcolm. Motion Carried.

#24250. Councilmember Spread moved a resolution be adopted authorizing and approving a certain loan agreement, providing for the issuance of \$4,090,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2018 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Seconded by Councilmember Fitzgerald. Vote – All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald & Malcolm. Motion Carried.

#24251. Councilmember Malcolm moved a resolution be adopted setting a public hearing on May 17, 2018 concerning amendment #2 to the City Budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett. Vote - All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald & Malcolm. Motion Carried.

#24252. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve a request for change order #1 for Airport Hangar Improvements Projects – Phase 1 Paving. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert. Vote –All ayes. Motion Carried.

#24253. Councilmember Harvey moved a resolution be adopted accepting the completed work and authorizing final payment for Airport Hangar Area Improvements Project Phase 1 Paving, seconded by Councilmember Brockert. All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Motion carried.

#24254. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved a resolution be adopted accepting Witkoske storm sewer and drainage easement. Seconded by Councilmember Harvey. All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Motion carried.

#24255. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve a request for a general airport planning and engineering services agreement with Bolten & Menk. Seconded by Councilmember Spread. All ayes: Councilmembers Spread, Harvey, Brockert, Brackett, Fitzgerald, and Malcolm. Motion carried.

#24256. Councilmember Brackett moved to approve a request to enter into an agreement for TSIP Grant Application for Houser Street and Grandview Roundabout. Seconded by Councilmember Spread.

There were questions from City Council asking if by approving this request would they be committing to putting a roundabout at the intersection of Houser and Grandview and if other options had been considered for this intersection.

City Engineer Jim Edgmond stated that this is just an application for a grant and that if another option was chosen the grant could be turned down and a new grant could be applied for. Mr Edgmond stated that the application was being applied for on what is believed to be the best option for this intersection.

Vote – four ayes, two nays. Motion Carried.

#24257. Councilmember Harvey moved to approve a request for the issuance of a Purchase Order for signage at the Musser Public Library and HNI Community Center. Seconded by councilmember Brackett. Vote - All ayes: Motion carried.

#24258. Councilmember Fitzgerald moved to approve a request to approve a letter of understanding with Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 audit. Seconded by Councilmember Brackett. Vote – All ayes: Motion Carried.

#24259. Councilmember Bracket moved to approve a request for a Professional Services Agreement with iiw. P.C. for the design and engineering of the Houser Street Parking Expansion Project. Seconded by Councilmember Brockert.

There were questions and comments from City Council that were addressed by Parks and Recreation Director Rich Klimes and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated that the property had been donated and the quit claim deed for property was forthcoming.

Vote – All ayes: Motion carried.

Under comments:

Councilmember Harvey stated that the crossing arms are about 15 feet farther apart on the Mississippi Drive side of railroad than on the river side of railroad and that he feels that the because of this the crossing could be wider than it is now.

City Engineer Jim Edgmond stated that the gates are set closer together on the river side of the crossing and that is because of the turning radius of the crossing and that changing the curve would not be a beneficial. Mr. Edgmond stated he would like to sit down with Mr. Harvey with drawings to discuss this issue.

Councilmember Spread stated that he would like to get more information regarding the amount of city staff time that will be used to gather the information regarding past permits and will there be an accounting of this when finished.

Councilmember Bracket stated there will be an accounting when finished and that the city staff time will be minimized as much as possible.

City Administrator Mandsager stated that he had given Mr. Gobin a copy of the minutes to review what staff time he feels would be needed to accommodate the request.

Councilmember Malcom thanked the Whicher Street Residents for coming to the public meeting and voicing their opinions regarding the proposed opening of Whicher Street. He stated he was very impressed with the community involvement and participation.

Councilmember Brockert stated she was pleased to see a group of residents picking up trash along the bypass.

Councilmember Brockert asked for thoughts and prayers to the family on Hershey Ave that suffered a house fire.

Councilmember Brackett stated he would start holding office hours at the new library starting June 23rd. He stated he would be available on the 4th Saturday of each month from 11-2 and would add more hours if it was needed.

City Administrator Gregg Mandsager stated he had received an email on Senate file 2081 regarding the backfill and that no action had been taken at this time.

Mayor Broderson stated that the first High School Job Fair was a success and that 100 students were paired with employers for summer jobs.

Mayor Broderson stated the next episode of “Our City” would include Parks and Recreation Department staff Dave Crawley and Kelsey Stafford as well as Greg Jenkins from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Broderson stated the Greenwood Cemetery steps are now open and there will be an opening ceremony on May 12th, at 10:00 am. Coffee with the mayor will be held that morning at the top of the stairs at 9:00 a.m. She stated that on May 10th the Muscatine Kindergarten classes will be lining to stairs to count them.

Mayor Broderson stated today is National Day of Prayer and would encourage everyone to pray for all of us together as we work for the good of our country and for our service members.

Councilmember Spread moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Diana Broderson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator